



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Updated Information

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate this incident. As is standard operating procedure, we do not release details on active cases and we will have no additional information to release regarding this incident. The facts in the original press release are unchanged. As clarification regarding the Dodge County Sheriff's Office investigating this incident, this portion of Watertown is within Dodge County and within the jurisdiction of the sheriff's office. It was determined that in this incident, there was a conflict of interest for the Watertown Police Department which the sheriff's office does not have. As a result, the sheriff's office was the obvious choice to investigate to ensure impartiality in the investigation.

Furthermore, after careful consultation with Dodge County's Corporation Counsel Office, the sheriff's office has determined that in this case, the release of the identity of those involved is not permitted as part of Wisconsin's victim rights law, commonly referred to as Marsy's Law.

Death Investigation

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating the death of a 52-year-old male and a 16-year-old male which occurred at 909 Country Lane in the City of Watertown. The Dodge County Sheriff's Office was requested to assist the Watertown Police Department with this incident at 3:42 AM on Saturday, April 17, 2021.

Evidence at the scene indicates that this was most likely a homicide/suicide in which the 52-year-old male is believed to be the actor. There are no other individuals believed to be involved in this incident. This is an active investigation by the Dodge County Sheriff's Office and no further information is available at this time. Names are being withheld pending notification of family members.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice Crime Scene Unit and the Dodge County Medical Examiner's Office assisted investigators at this scene. We want the residents of this quiet neighborhood to be confident that there is no active threat to the community.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt.

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